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SUBJ: N.K. TARASOV, NEW HEAD OF SOVIET MBFR DELEGATION

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA CARREID SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT SEPT 30
OF RETURN OF SOVIET MBFR DELEGATION TO VIENNA FOR AUTUMN
SESSION WITH N.K. TARASOV AS NEW CHIEF OF DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. TARASOV FINISHED A FOUR YEAR TOUR IN MEXICO IN MARCH
AND RETURNED TO MOSCOW. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY
AND MAY WELL NOT HAVE ASSUMED MAJOR DUTIES AT MFA DURING
THESE LAST SIX MONTHS SINCE LATEST BIO REPORT WE HAVE FROM
WASHINGTON, DATED 15 JUL 76 (COPY BEING POUCHED TO MBFR
VIENNA) INDICATES HE MAY HAVE HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS IN
MEXICO. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS BEEN WAITING THIS
TIME TO SUCCEED KHLESTOV WHO HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY
BUSY WITH HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF OF THE MFA'S TREATY AND
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LEGAL DIVISION WHICH IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS

AS WELL AS MBFR.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPT 30 OLEG SOKOLOV, COUNSELOR IN CHARGE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN MFA'S USA DIVISION SAID TARASOV'S APPOINTMENT DOES NOT INDICATE ANY LESSENING OF SOVIET INTEREST IN MBFR; QUITE THE CONTRARY, INTEREST IS HIGHER THAN EVER (SEE SEPTTEL). KHLESTOV IS STILL INVOLVED IN MBFR AND WILL BEE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS. HIS DUTIES, HOWEVER, RPECLUDE HIS RETURN TO VIENNA. SOKOLOV SAID HE BELIEVED U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD FIND TARASOV A "COMPE- TENT, SINCERE, SERIOUS AND ATTENTIVE MAN" WITH A GOOD BACKGROUND FOR HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT. MATLOCK

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